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In the Specification:

At page 1, line 1 of the specification, please insert the following new sentence:

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-18 without prejudice.

Please amend Claim 1 and add new claims 19-31 as follows:

1. (once amended) A [method] process for [the synthesis] synthesizing a dihydroindole C-ring of a CC-1065/duocarmycin analog, the dihydroindole C-ring of a CC-1065/duocarmycin analog being represented by the following structure:

$$R^2$$
 R^3
 R^4
 R^4
 R^5
 R^6
 R^7
 R^7

[wherein the method comprises] the process comprising the following steps [of]:

Step A: allylating an [aryl halide] ortho-haloaniline with 1,3-dichloropropene [and a catalytic amount of *n*-tetrabutylammonium iodide] for forming a vinyl chloride, the ortho-haloaniline being represented by the following structure:

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$$R^2$$
 R^3
 R^4
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 R^4
 R^4
 R^4
 R^4
 R^4
 R^4

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wherein:

R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ are radicals independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl(C1-C6), alkoxy, and arylalkoxy, with a proviso that R¹ and R², or R² and R³ may form a fused 5- or 6-membered ring with or without a heteroatom; and

X is a halide selected from the group consisting of bromine and iodine; and the vinyl chloride is represented by the following structure:

$$R^{2}$$
 R^{3}
 R^{4}
 R^{4}
 R^{3}
 R^{4}
 R^{5}
 R^{1}
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 R^{4}
 R^{3}
 R^{4}
 R^{5}
 R^{5}
 R^{1}
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 R^{4}
 R^{5}
 R^{5

Step B: cyclizing the vinyl chloride of said step A [under conditions using tributyl tin hydride, catalytic AIBN and toluene as the solvent] for forming the dihydroindole C-ring of the CC-1065 / duocarmycin analog.

20 19. (new claim) A process according to claim 1 wherein, in said Step A, the *ortho-haloaniline* is an *ortho-bromoaniline*.

20. (new claim) A process according to claim 1 wherein, in said Step A, the *ortho*-haloaniline is an *ortho*-iodoaniline.

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21. (new claim) A process according to claim 1 wherein, in said Step A, the *ortho-* haloaniline is protected with a BOC group.

- 22. (new claim) A process according to claim 1 wherein, in said Step A, said allylation is catalyzed by the addition of a catalytic amount of tetra-n-butyl ammonium iodide.
- 23. (new claim) A process according to claim 1 wherein, in said Step B, said cyclization is performed with an addition of tri-n-butyltin hydride.
- 24. (new claim) A process according to claim 23 wherein, in said Step B, said cyclization is catalyzed by the addition of a catalytic amount of AIBN.
- 25. (new claim) A process according to claim 24 wherein, in said Step B, said cyclization is performed using toluene as the solvent.
- 26. (new claim) A process according to claim 1 wherein: in said Step A, the vinyl chloride is represented by the following structure:

in said Step B, the dihydroindole C-ring of the CC-1065 / duocarmycin analog is represented by the following structure:

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27. (new claim) A process according to claim 1 wherein:

in said Step A, the vinyl chloride is represented by the following structure:

in said Step B, the dihydroindole C-ring of the CC-1065 / duocarmycin analog is represented by the following structure:

28. (new claim) A process according to claim 1 wherein:

in said Step A, the vinyl chloride is represented by the following structure:

in said Step B, the dihydroindole C-ring of the CC-1065 / duocarmycin analog is represented by the following structure:

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29. (new claim) A process according to claim 1 wherein:

in said Step A, the vinyl chloride is represented by the following structure:

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in said Step B, the dihydroindole C-ring of the CC-1065 / duocarmycin analog is

BOC

and

30. (new claim) A process according to claim 1 wherein:

represented by the following structure:

in said Step A, the vinyl chloride is represented by the following structure:

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in said Step B, the dihydroindole C-ring of the CC-1065 / duocarmycin analog is represented by the following structure:

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31. (new claim) A process according to claim 1 wherein: in said Step A, the vinyl chloride is represented by the following structure:

in said Step B, the dihydroindole C-ring of the CC-1065 / duocarmycin analog is represented by the following structure: